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FOR AMBASSADOR RAWSON FROM CHARGE

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SWEARING-IN AS AMBASSADOR TO RWANDA. POST IS LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR ARRIVAL. WE WILL WELCOME INFORMATION ON EXACT DAY AND TIME SO THAT WE CAN MAKE APPROPRIATE PLANS AND PREPARATIONS.
3. AS YOU KNOW, YOU WILL BE ARRIVING IN RWANDA AT A VERY EXCITING AND VERY BUSY TIME. WE ARE TRACKING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE ACCORD, AND THE IMPLANTATION OF THE TRANSITION INSTITUTIONS. WE ARE LOOKING AT THE ECONOMY, PLANNING FOR DEMOBILIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION, AS WELL AS THE RETURN OF

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REFUGEES. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE YOU MIGHT MEET IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK IN PREPARATION FOR THE AWESOME TASK BEFORE YOU.

4. UN PEACEKEEPING. WE WOULD HOPE THAT DURING YOUR CONSULTATIONS YOU WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO GO TO NEW YORK AND CALL ON THE HEAD OF UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS KOFI ANNAN AND THE HEAD OF UN POLITICAL

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AFFAIRS JAMES JONAH. YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW THEIR THOUGHTS ON KEEPING THE UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IN RWANDA ON TRACK. OUR MESSAGE FOR THEM IS TO ENCOURAGE ACCELERATED DEPLOYMENT SO THAT PHASE TWO MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED AND THE TROOPS MOVE INTO THEIR ASSEMBLY POINTS BEFORE THE END OF MARCH. USUN AMBASSADOR WALKER AND USUN OFFICER LAURIE SHESTAK HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE AS A LIAISON BETWEEN USUM AND OUR DESK IN WASHINGTON.

5. THE ECONOMY. USAID AND THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO HAVE A GROUP MEETING WITH KEY INDIVIDUALS AT USAID. WE WOULD PROPOSE JOHN HICKS, DICK COBB, AND PAUL GODET. OUR DESK OFFICER AND THE AID DESK OFFICER HAVE WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER. WE HAVE GOOD COOPERATION, BUT GIVEN ALL OF THE CHANGES AT USAID, YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW WHERE RWANDA STANDS IN THEIR THINKING AND AT THE SAME TIME TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTINUE THE EXCELLENT SUPPORT THAT WE HAVE HAD UP TO THIS TIME FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, DEMOCRATIZATION AND STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT.

6. YOU WILL ALSO WANT TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES  
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OF THE WORLD BANK, THE IMF, AND UNDP (IN NEW YORK) TO GET A SENSE OF THEIR THINKING ON WHERE THEIR SUPPORT FOR RWANDA IS GOING. UNDP HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING DONOR ASSISTANCE IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WAR AFFECTED AREAS AND DEMOBILIZATION OF SOLDIERS. A ROUND TABLE FOR THESE TWO PROGRAMS IS COMING UP SOON. YOU WILL ALSO BE INTERESTED IN HOW FAR THE BANK AND THE FUND WILL BE ABLE TO GO IN SUPPORTING THESE SOCIAL PROGRAMS AS WELL AS THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM.

7. DEMOCRATIZATION. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE (NDI) ON FUNDING FOR A PARTY BUILDING PROGRAM HERE IN RWANDA. THE MONEY HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED (USD 125,000), BUT THE TIME HAS NEVER BEEN RIGHT FOR THE PROJECT TO GET OFF THE GROUND. WE HAVE ALSO ADVISED AID THAT WE WERE INTERESTED IN HAVING ASSISTANCE FROM THE AFRICA REGIONAL ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE FUND (AREAF) IN

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PREPARATIONS FOR EVENTUAL ELECTIONS. AGAIN, BECAUSE THE ELECTIONS WERE POSTPONED OUR WORK WITH AREAF HAS ALSO BEEN POSTPONED. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO BE INTERESTED AND WE HAVE LET NDI AND AID KNOW THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH BOTH OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS HERE IN RWANDA. WE SEE ACTIVITIES WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO UNDER THEIR FUNDING AS COMPLIMENTARY TO WHAT WE HAVE ABILITY TO DO UNDER OUR AID DEMOCRACY PROJECT (DIG).

B. HOWEVER, STATE 362890, DATED 2 DECEMBER SUGGESTS THAT RWANDA MIGHT LOSE OUT ON ASSISTANCE FROM BOTH OF

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THERE ORGANIZATIONS. NDI IS NOW INTERESTED ONLY IN POST ELECTION ACTIVITIES TO CONSOLIDATE DEMOCRACY AND AREAF DID NOT LIST RWANDA AMONG ITS ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE PRIORITIES. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT

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SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR RWANDA TO DRAW ON THE EXPERTISE AND FUNDING FROM BOTH OF THESE

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ORGANIZATIONS IF IN FACT THEIR INTEREST IS IN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT AS THE SABLE STATES. ALTHOUGH RWANDA HAS NOT YET HAD ITS ELECTIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN A POST-ELECTION-LIKE PHASE WHEREBY PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED IN GOVERNANCE BEFORE ARE NOW GOING TO BE INVOLVED IN TAKING PART IN MULTIPARTY INSTITUTIONS. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THESE INSTITUTIONS CAN BE MADE TO WORK WILL BE IMPORTANT TO RWANDA'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF ITS DEMOCRACY AFTER THE ELECTIONS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD MEET WITH BOTH OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND EXPLORE WITH THEM THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEIR EXPERTISE

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AND THEIR FUNDING COULD BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THE TRANSITION PROCESS IN ORDER TO LAY THE MOST SOLID FOUNDATION POSSIBLE FOR RWANDA'S ELECTIONS 22 MONTHS HENCE AND ITS POST ELECTION ACTIVITIES.

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